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Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9, as follows:

In yet another aspect of the present invention, the shortcut system allows a user to execute a shortcut from a particular application, more than one application, or when no application is running, advantageously making the shortcut system more flexible flexibility. For example, most applications can be configured to allow a user to execute shortcuts having voice tags or menu item selection tags. In other embodiments, shortcuts having icon tags can be activated when no application is running or from a home screen. In still other embodiments, shortcuts having speed dial tags can be activated from the home screen or from a running dialer application.

Please amend the abstract on page 22 as follows:

Abstract

A shortcut system for use in a mobile electronic device having several types of shortcuts allows a user to execute shortcuts of different types using a single mechanism. The shortcut system includes a display, an operating system, a shortcut data store, and one or more applications, including a shortcut application used to create shortcuts and edit shortcut information contained in the shortcut data store. The shortcut data store contains target information associated with applications of various types, indexed by a shortcut tag. When a new application is installed in the mobile electronic device, the user can add shortcut information associated with the new application to the shortcut data store. The target information can define content associated with an application. When a shortcut to content is executed, the associated application is launched and begins operating on the content data. Further, the shortcuts can be created with different types of tags.

